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Applicant : David H. Burkett

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment for the above-identified divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), filed simultaneously herewith. Entry of the following amendment prior to examination of the application is respectfully requested.